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1. Soviet troop quarters in the Annaberg area (N 51/K 73) were occupied as follows on 5 May and 5 June 1951:

25X1	Installation	Occupation on 5 May	Occupation on 5 June
25X1	Mehmert Kaserne	Troops with black-bordered red epauletts, most of whom had newly arrived; and some soldiers who still wore green epauletts as had all the troops there prior to April 1951	An undetermined number of troops with black-bordered red epauletts and 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epauletts.
	Barracks installation on Leninstrasse	Troops with black-bordered red epauletts	Same as on 5 May
	Soviet quarters in the boys' school	Troops with red-bordered black epauletts	An undetermined number of troops with red-bordered black epauletts and 150 soldiers with black-bordered red epauletts
	Barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohnau	Troops with red-bordered green epauletts	Troops with red-bordered black epauletts, except for the two medical officers who still wore red-bordered green epauletts. No replacements were observed with the unit.
	MSG Office at 1 Mannstrasse	Troops with red-bordered green epauletts	Troops with black-bordered red epauletts

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<u>Installation</u>	<u>Occupation on 5 May</u>	<u>Occupation on 5 June</u>
Office on Hae- rensteiner- strasse	Troops with red- bordered black epaulets and tank insignia	Troops with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia; and troops with black- bordered red epaulets, in- cluding some with crossed-bayonet insignia.
Soviet quarters on the premises of the former AED Plant	Troops with black- bordered red epaulets	Same as on 5 May
Kieser Villa	Troops with red- bordered green epaulets	Troops with black-bordered red epaulets. The villa was turned over to the Soviet komendantura by the SSD agency on 10 May 1951

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2. The houses on Maldenstrasse in Annaberg, which had been occupied by Soviet officers' families for the past six months, were vacated. The officers moved to the barracks installation and their dependents returned to the U.S.S.R. Furniture left behind was repurchased by the new German residents. The buildings on Jungfernstieg, near the former komendantura, were also vacated by Soviet officers' families at the beginning of June 1951.
3. A Soviet unit of from 1,200 to 1,300 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets, led by a military band, was seen marching along the road to the Mehnert Kaserne, Annaberg, on 25 June.
4. The following observations were made in the training area on Poehlberg (hill):  
15 June. 60 soldiers were engaged in target practice in the quarries with rifles mounting telescopic sights.  
21 June. 500 to 600 troops from the Mehnert Kaserne and the Soviet quarters in the boys' school, who wore black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, were involved in a combat practice, with the troops advancing and attacking under simulated combat condition toward Geyersdorf. The unit from the barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohnau, whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets, started a night practice on the evening of the same day, which ended at 3 a.m. on 22 June.  
23 June. About 500 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets from the barracks installation in Annaberg-Frohnau were again engaged in a night practice.  
26 June. About 550 troops with black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets received infantry training.
5. The Soviet unit in the boys' school maintained a kennel with about 30 dogs. The block of houses south of the barracks installation in Kathenauerstrasse was vacated by the German inhabitants between 15 and 18 June. No information on the further use of houses could be learned. (2)
6. On 25 and 26 June, sections of the Soviet Wismut Administration of Chemnitz were observed arriving at the former komendantura in Annaberg. Soviet officers stated that the whole Wismut Administration, including the headquarters, would eventually move to Annaberg.

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8. Since all windows in the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, Chemnitz (N 51/K 66), were lighted in the evening of 21 June, the installation seemed to be occupied to capacity. (3)

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9. Between 16 and 21 June, the Bucher Kaserne in Dresden was occupied by 800 to 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. EM were between 17 and 24 years of age and officers not over 40 years. (3)

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10. Between 24 and 30 June, the Luftkriegs Schule in Dresden-Klotzsche quartered about 500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and maintained a kennel with 30 to 40 dogs. (3)

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11. Between 12 and 19 June, the Planitz Kaserne in Leipzig seemed to be occupied by 400 to 500 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and maintained a dog kennel. (3)

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12. [redacted] the Soviet troops in the Kutscher factory, Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52), numbered about 550 officers and EM on 16 June. The troops wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and kept about 30 tracking and guard dogs. Six trucks, occupied by soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets [redacted]

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13. In May, telephone wires were strung from the Soviet quarters in the Kutscher factory to the barracks installations in Raschau, Chrandorf, Antonsthal, Breitenbrunn, Settlement No 204, and as far as Johann-georgenstadt. All barracks installations and mines in this area were included in the system. (4)

14. Four-ton ZIS trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets, were identified for the first time in Raschau, Gruenstaedtel and Johann-georgenstadt. (5)

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15. The troops of the AAA battery emplaced on Hill 437, which was previously reported, were replaced at the end of May, and according to a Soviet officer, went to Koenigsbrueck for training. [redacted]

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Comments.

- (1) Since the information differs to some extent from previous reports on Soviet troops in Annaberg, confirmatory information is required. The present report definitely indicates that the Mehnert Kaserne and the barracks installation on Leninstrasse still quarter soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets. However it is doubted that the barracks installation in Frohnau, which was previously reported to have been occupied by MGB troops with red-bordered green epaulets, is now occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets as worn by labor units or AAA units.
- (2) The dog kennel in the boys' school is suggestive of MGB troops there.

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(4) The MGB units in the localities mentioned are probably subordinate to a headquarters in the Kutscher factory, Schwarzenberg.

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